

WARMINSTER & WESTBURY RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T S

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1948.

Craven House,
Warminster,
Wilts.

October, 1949.

To the Chairman & Members of the
Warminster & Westbury Rural
District Council.

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the
health and sanitary conditions of the District for 1948.

This is largely a statistical Report because my
predecessor, Dr. D. F. Morgan, resigned his appointment as
Medical Officer of Health for this District on the 30th.
September, 1948. Also Mr. A. A. Kemmish, the Assistant Surveyor
and District Sanitary Inspector, resigned 13th. March 1948 and
Mr. W. G. S. Kneebone, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., M.R.I.P.H. & H.,
was appointed to the vacancy 19th. April, 1948, and commenced
his duties on the 21st. June, 1948.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

J. REYNOLDS.

Medical Officer of Health.

WARMINSTER & WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1948.

1. OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health - J.Reynolds, M.C., L.R.C.P., & S. (Edin.
D.P.H. (Eng.)

Surveyor & Senior Sanitary
Inspector - W.F.C.Merrett, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
A.M.I.B.E.

Additional Sanitary Inspector
& Assistant Surveyor - W.G.S.Kneebone, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
M.R.I.P.H. & H.

2. STATISTICS (Figures for 1947 in brackets).

Area & District	87,096 acres	(87,096)
Resident Population	13,090	(12,090)
No. of Inhabited Houses (including hutted camps)	3,909	(3,831)
Rateable Value at 1/4/48	£53,525	(£58,173)
Product of Penny Rate (31/3/48)	£252	(£ 231)

3. PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.

The area is agricultural and contains 411 Milk Producing Premises. There are also Agricultural Machine Works, Milk Depot, Leather Tannery, Brickworks, Malting & Grist Mills and various W.D.properties.

Outworkers are chiefly employed in Glove making.

4. VITAL STATISTICS.

(a) Live Births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	123	127	250
Legitimate	120	121	241
Illegitimate	3	6	9

LIVE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 population - 19.1

-do- England & Wales - 17.9

PREVIOUS YEARS	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
District	19.9	20.5	17.2	18.4	11.9
England & Wales	20.5	19.1	16.1	17.6	16.5

(b) Stillbirths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	9	1	10
Legitimate	7	1	8
Illegitimate	2	-	2

(c) Deaths.

Male 78: Female 66: Total 144.

DEATH RATE per 1,000 population - 11.0

-do- England & Wales - 10.8.

PREVIOUS YEARS.	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
District	12.9	14.0	15.3	13.2	8.6
England & Wales	12.0	11.5	11.4	11.6	12.1

(d) Infant Mortality.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	6	7	13
Legitimate	6	7	13
Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL

INFANT MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live Births - 52 (25)
 -do- England & Wales - 34 (41)

(Figures for 1947 in brackets).

(e) Causes of Death.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	1	1
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	1	2	3
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	1	1
8. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-
9. Influenza	-	1	1
10. Measles	-	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-
12. Acute Inf. Encephalitis	-	-	-
13. Cancer of buccal cavity & oesophagus (M) uterus (F)	1	-	1
14. Cancer of stomach & duodenum	2	4	6
15. Cancer of Breast	-	6	6

	Male.	Female.	Total.
16. Cancer all other sites	5	3	8
17. Diabetes	-	-	-
18. Intracranial Vascular Lesions	13	7	20
19. Heart Diseases	18	15	33
20. Other diseases of Circulatory system.	7	4	11
21. Bronchitis	4	3	7
22. Pneumonia	4	4	8
23. Other Respiratory diseases	-	-	-
24. Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-	-
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	3	-	3
28. Nephritis	2	3	5
29. Puerperal & Post Abortion Sepsis	-	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	-	-	-
31. Premature Births	2	2	4
32. Congenital malformation, Birth Injury, Infant disorders	3	1	4
33. Suicide	1	-	1
34. Road Traffic Accident	1	-	1
35. Other violent Causes	2	-	2
36. All other causes	9	9	18
TOTALS	78	66	144.

4. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following notifiable Infectious Diseases among Civilians were recorded:-

Disease	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total.
Scarlet Fever	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Whooping Cough	1	6	8	8	5	3	2	-	2	3	-	-	38
Measles	-	-	1	2	8	6	13	10	1	-	-	1	42
Cerebro- spinal fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute polio- myelitis	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Acute polio encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Anthrax - Malignant Pustule	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumoccal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Lobar Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

Diphtheria Immunisation

Immunisation is undertaken by the County Council and Medical Officers visited the schools in outlying villages at specific dates for this purpose. Many took advantage of the regular Clinics established in Warminster and Westbury.

The Warminster Clinic is held on the 4th. Friday of every month at 2.00 p.m. at Warminster Town Hall.

The Westbury Clinic is held at the Laverton Institute, Westbury, on the 4th. Thursday of every month at 2. 30 p.m.

At the 31st. December 1948, the immunisation position for the District was given:-

Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during 1948.			Total No.of Children who were given a reinforcing injection.
Age at date of final injection.			277.
Under 5.	5 - 14.	Total.	
183	16	199	

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st. December, 1948.							
Age at 31.12.48							
i.e. born in year	Under 1948.	1. 1947	2. 1946	3. 1945	4 1944	5 to 9 1939-43	10 -14. 1934-38
Total under 15.							
Warminster & Westbury R.D.	-	87	153	121	137	753	802
							2053

6. TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases notified in 1948 (including transfers in).

		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
		11	8	-	2
Deaths		-	2	-	-
Cases on Register at 31.12.48.		28	12	8	10

7. CLINICS.

The following Clinics served the District:-

Infant Welfare: Trowbridge - The Halve - Every Tuesday
2 p.m.

Westbury - Congregational Ist & 3rd. Thursday
Chapel Room - 2 p.m.

Warminster - Methodist Schoolroom 1st & 3rd.
George Street - Friday - 2 p.m.

Devizes

The following particulars with regard to water supplies, drainage and sewerage have been obtained from the Sanitary Inspector.

8. WATER SUPPLIES.

(a) North East Regional Scheme - Bratton Source.

Pumping tests were carried out at intervals during the first half of the year, and in July, the Ministry of Health approved of the scheme of supplying water to the North Eastern Area from the Bratton source at Luccombe.

(b) South West Regional Scheme - Codford.

The work on construction of the new borehole at Codford was satisfactorily completed in April. Pumping tests which immediately followed revealed that the average amount of water pumped was 55,000 gallons per hour maintained for a period of 14 days of continuous pumping giving a standing water level in the borehole of 55 feet below ground level. The Analyst's report on samples of water taken from the borehole showed that chemically and bacteriologically the water was fit for human consumption.

In August the Ministry of Health approved of works to construct a new rising main from the borehole to the Boyton and Fonthill reservoirs and work on this was satisfactorily completed in November. Temporary pumping equipment was also installed and housing erected for same.

(c) Potters Hill, Crockerton.

The extension of the Warminster Urban District supply to Potters Hill, Crockerton, was satisfactorily completed early in October.

(d) Bacteriological Reports.

Date	Source of Sample	Bactl: Count per 1 m.l.	Est:Coli Aerogenes Count per 100 m.l.	Est:Faecal B.Coli Count per 100 m.l.
+7.1.48.	Stoeple Ashton	39	180 +	5
24.6.48.	-do-	Nil	5	Nil
+6.9.48.	-do-	7	17	25
+19.10.48.	-do-	23	90	25

10.11.48.	Steeple Ashton	Nil	5	Nil
13.1.48.	Chapmanslade	5	8	Nil
28.6.48	-do-	3	Nil	Nil
11.10.48	-do-	3	5	Nil
+ 15.1.48	Castle Hill, Bratton	1	17	7
+ 27.4.48	-do-	2	180 +	Nil
+ 28.9.48	-do-	59	160	Nil
+ 15.1.48	Westbury Road, Bratton	25	160	Nil
23.6.48	-do-	3	5	Nil
* 28.9.48	-do-	16	90	3
+ 19.10.48	-do-	75	180 +	35
10.11.48	-do-	5	35	Nil
30.11.48	King-Church Reservoir, Bratton.	2	Nil	Nil
+ 30.11.48	Church Steps, Bratton	6	20	3
24.6.48	Old Council Houses, Bratton	2	Nil	Nil
7.1.48	Heytesbury	2	3	Nil
21.4.48	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.9.48	-do-	3	35	Nil
+ 13.1.48	Horning'sham	23	90	3
29.6.48	-do-	9	11	Nil
8.9.48	-do-	2	11	Nil
8.9.48	-do-	5	180 +	Nil
2.12.48	-do-	1	14	Nil
7.1.48	Sutton Veny	Nil	Nil	Nil
21.4.48	-do-	Nil	35	Nil

28.9.48	Sutton Veny	13	90	Nil
13.1.48	Longbridge Deverill	4	25	Nil
21.4.48	-do-	Nil	5	Nil
28.9.48	-do-	7	50	Nil
+ 12.1.48	Boyton	15	160	14
+ 24.6.48	-do-	7	160	13
+ 8.7.48	-do-	1	17	5
+ 19.8.48	-do-	44	160	25
+ 28.9.48	-do-	35	35	35
+ 28.9.48	Sherrington	29	13	8
+ 19.10.48	-do-	15	35	25
+ 11.11.48	-do-	6	50	3
13.1.48	Corsley	5	20	Nil
28.6.48	-do-	2	Nil	Nil
9.9.48	-do-	2	35	Nil
12.1.48	Stockton	Nil	Nil	Nil
24.6.48	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
28.9.48	-do-	8	13	Nil
+ 12.1.48	-do-(Yeatman Biggs)	196	180 +	180 +
19.2.48	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
24.6.48	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
+ 28.9.48	-do-	11	25	3
20.10.48	-do-	11	11	Nil
15.1.48	East Coulston	24	50	Nil
29.6.48	-do-	47	11	Nil
5.10.48	-do-	7	25	Nil
15.1.48	-do- (Baynton House)	6	11	Nil
29.6.48	-do-	4	3	Nil

+ 5.10.48	East Coulston (Baynton House)	15	180 +	5
+ 19.10.48	-do-	700	180 +	90
+ 16.11.48	-do-	30	180 +	7
+ 7.1.48	Hinton	107	180 +	180 +
+ 5.2.48	-do-	4	180 +	50
1.7.48	-do-	18	25	Nil
+ 5.10.48	-do-	44	180 +	180 +
+ 2.11.48	-do-	161	180 +	180 +
+ 16.11.48	-do-	50	180 +	180 +
7.1.48	Keevil	3	50	Nil
5.2.48	-do-	18	35	Nil
1.7.48	-do-	6	5	Nil
+ 5.10.48	-do-	16	180 +	Nil
+ 9.8.48	Council Houses, Keevil	34	180 +	Nil
+ 24.11.48	-do-	47	180 +	5
+ 7.1.48	Bulkington	179	180 +	180 +
+ 5.2.48	-do-	48	180 +	50
+ 29.6.48	-do-	28	180 +	5
+ 5.10.48	-do-	27	180 +	17
+ 2.11.48	-do-	94	180 +	180 +
24.6.48	Council Houses, Edington. No.1. Supply	Nil	Nil	Nil
24.6.48	Council Houses, Edington. No.2. Supply	9	8	Nil
7.1.48	West Ashton	10	50	Nil
15.1.48	Upton Scudamore	4	11	Nil
29.6.48	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.10.48	-do-	1	3	Nil

23.6.48	Heywood	Nil	Nil	Nil
28.9.48	-do-	3	Nil	Nil

+ In these cases appropriate action was taken e.g. Issue of "Boiling Notices," cleaning and chlorinating, repairs and replacements of pumping apparatus etc.

(e) Residual Chlorine.

Frequent residual chlorine tests made showed there was no noticeable residual chlorine present in any of the water supplies.

(f) Chemical Reports.

Report on the Analysis of a Sample of Water received on 13.1.48.

From Chapmanslade Public Supply. Warminster & Westbury R.D.C.

Physical Characters - Excellent.

CHEMICAL.

Parts per 100,000

Reaction	Alkaline	P.H.	7.3
Saline & free Ammonia			Nil
Organic (or 'albumoid') ammonia			0.001
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C			0.06
Chlorides			1.6
Nitrogenous nitrates			1.0
Total Hardness			29.3
(a) Temporary			21.9
(b) Permanent			7.4
Poisonous Metals			Nil
Nitrites			Nil
Microscopical examination of Sediment			Nil

OPINION.

Chemical analysis shows no evidence of pollution.

Date: 16.1.48.

L.H.D.T. Pathologist

Report on the Analysis of a Sample of Water received on 24.11.48.
at 2.30 p.m.

from Standpipe at Council Houses, Keevil. Shallow Well.
Warminster & Westbury R.D.C.

Physical Characters - Excellent.

CHEMICAL:

Parts per 100,000.

Reaction	Alkaline	p.H.	7.3.
Saline & free ammonia			0.001
Organic (or 'albumoid') ammonia			0.005
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C			0.07
Chlorides			6.1
Nitrogenous nitrates			1.0
Total Hardness			53.6
(a) Temporary			30.0
(b) Permanent			23.6
Poisonous Metals			Nil
Nitrites			Nil
Microscopical examination of the Sediment			Nil

OPINION

Chemical examination shows an excessive degree of hardness but no evidence of vegetable pollution.

Date: 29.11.48.

L.H.D.T. Pathologist.

(g) Plumbo Solvency.

Samples of water subjected to chemical examination did not display any plumbo solvent properties.

(h) (i) Number of Dwelling houses and number of Population Supplied direct from Public Water Mains.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Dwelling-houses.</u>	<u>Approximate No. of Population.</u>
Bratton	52	200
Bishopstrow	46	180
Chapmanslade	122	400
Dilton Marsh	370	1400
Heywood	131	500
North Bradley	273	850
Steeple Ashton	190	600
Sutton Vony	123	500
Upton Scudamore	45	180
Southwick	160	640

(ii) Number of Dwelling houses and Number of population supplied by Means of Standpipes from Public Mains.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Dwelling houses</u>	<u>Approx. No of population.</u>
Chapmanslade	1	4
Chitterne	15	50
Sutton Vony	30	100
Upton Scudamore	2	8

There are many other houses in the various Parishes supplied with water from private water mains.

9. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

(a) The Council is responsible for its own works, the majority of which belong to council houses, in the following Parishes:-

Bratton (2)	Heytesbury	Monkton Deverill
Bulkington	Horningsham	North Bradley (5)
Chapmanslade (3)	Heywood (3)	Stockton
Chitterne	Hill Deverill	Steeple Ashton (3)
Codford	Hinton	Southwick (2)
Corsley (2)	Keevil	Storridge (The Ham)
Dilton Marsh	Longbridge Deverill	Upton Scudamore (2)
Edington (2)		West Ashton

(b) New Sewage Disposal Works Installed During the Year.

Chapmanslade - New Council Houses at Clearwood View
Heywood - New Council Houses
Monkton Deverill - New Council Houses
North Bradley - New Council Houses at The Tynings
Stockton - New Council Houses
Steeple Ashton - New Council Houses at Newleaze.

(c)

It will be seen from the above figures that there are a considerable number of sewage disposal plants in this District. They vary in size and construction from septic tanks with overflows, treated on the broad irrigation system, to small sewage works with settling tanks, filters and humus chambers; effluents in these cases discharge to various sewer ditches and streams.

The labour available for the maintainance of these plants together with a large number of sewer ditches comprises two men. It will, therefore, be realised that these plants cannot have the necessary attention to maintain them in perfect working order as they are scattered throughout the whole of the Rural District and the time taken in travelling to the various sites is considerable.

A Contract was fixed with the Hampshire Cleansing Service to cleanse most of these settlement tanks at specified intervals and although this is carried out it cannot be said that the sewerage system in this Area is adequate as there is still a large part of the District without sewerage schemes of any description.

In 1939, Regional Schemes were submitted to cover the District. The most urgent of these were Southwick, North Bradley and Dilton Marsh. The matter is still an urgent one and no satisfactory solution can be arrived at until such schemes are in operation.

Due to complaints regarding bad effluents discharging into a stream at North Bradley, the Council commenced negotiations with the Trowbridge Urban District Council to take a section of North Bradley dwellings into the Trowbridge sewer. A scheme was put forward but nothing has yet been settled.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1948.

To The Chairman and Members of the
Warminster and Westbury Rural
District Council.

October, 1949.

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to present a Report of the
work carried out in my Department during the year 1948.

1. HOUSING.

(a) New Housing Schemes.

Council houses were completed during the year
in the Parishes of North Bradley, Steeple Ashton, Stockton,
Chapmanslade, Heywood and Monkton Deverill. Building
operations were well forward in the Parishes of Heytesbury
and Codford and at Sutton Veny site works were proceeding.

The Council Housing Estates at Stockton (10)
and Monkton Deverill (6) were completed and all houses let
to suitable tenants.

(b) Camps and requisitioned Properties.

The possibility of using Camps released by the
War Department for housing purposes was again under consideration
throughout the year and it was decided not to take over the
Keevil Camp although the Steeple Ashton Camps (Sites 4, 8
and 10) were taken over and certain works on the huts approved.

(c) Housing Survey.

The Rural Housing Survey was discontinued during the first half of the year in consequence of the staff economy Circular from the Ministry of Health, but was, however, recommenced in July. Due to pressure of work, progress was slow; the total number of houses surveyed up to the 31st. December was 656, an increase of 46 houses since the discontinuance of the survey.

Generally speaking, the standard of housing in the District is poor; far too many houses now in occupation do not come up to normal standards and are only fit for demolition. Most of the houses relegated to Category V (unfit for human habitation) are occupied. In this, the undertaking of repairs and reconstruction necessary to bring them up to standard is extremely difficult and not an economic proposition. It must also be borne in mind that the huts on Camp Sites which have been converted have only a very limited life.

(d) Future Programme.

The Council adopted the following programme for new houses -

Bratton	6	Heytesbury	4	Upton Lovel	2
Corton	4	Heywood	2	West Ashton	4
Chapmanslade	2	Knook	2	Southwick	14
Codford	6	SteepleAshton	4	Sutton Veny	2
		Edington	4		

We have still a waiting list of 341 applicants for Council houses; 210 of these applicants already live in separate homes.

2. SALVAGE & REFUSE.

A salvage collecting scheme for the whole of the District was in operation. The collection varied from weekly to monthly.

Salvage was tipped at Penleigh and Heytesbury. The tip at Boyton had been closed. The work in connection with the Longbridge Deverill tip, which was in a bad state, was satisfactorily carried out by the War Department and the tip was left in a tidy condition.

Applications were received from several Parishes asking the Council to inaugurate a refuse collection scheme. The Council considered the scheme but decided that the expense was not warranted. No doubt further consideration will be given to this matter in the near future.

3. DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

Routine inspections continued during the year but were interrupted in the interval between Mr. Kemmish leaving and Mr. Kneebone joining the staff.

Of 411 farmers registered, 256 were ordinary producers, 79 Accredited and 76 T.T.

There is a milk bulking and cooling depot, owned by the London Co-operative Society, situated in the Parish of Bulkington and this dairy is kept under constant supervision.

There may be many changes in the Law and practice relating to Milk & Dairies in 1949. The Food and Drugs (Milk & Dairies) Act, 1944 will probably come into operation in the Autumn transferring the supervision of milk production to the Ministry of Agriculture. There will also be new regulations dealing with dairies and designated milk. Local Authorities will probably still retain their responsibilities in the field of milk distribution.

4. RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT.

An Operator, whose duties are shared with the Warminster Urban District and Westbury Urban District, is employed by this Council. Most of the infestations reported were small and not of the major or reservoir type. The control methods recommended by the Ministry of Food were closely followed.

5. CAMPING SITES.

There were no licensed camping sites in the District, but three licences were issued to individual persons to station and use moveable dwellings.

6. SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The following is a Summary of the Inspections and visits made during 1948.

Milk & Dairies Order.

No. of Milk Producers:- 256 Ordinary; 79 Accredited;	Total
76 T.T.	411
No. of new Registrations -	12
No. of Retailers with premises inside the District - 61.	
No. of Retailers with premises outside the District - 2.	63
No. of Accredited Dealers -	17
No. of T.T. Dealers -	15
No. of Pasteurised Dealers -	4
No. of Inspections made during the year for the purpose of the Milk & Dairies Order -	86
No. of Preliminary Notices served -	Nil
No. of Premises improved -	45

Factories Act.

No. of Factories on Register -	33
No. of re-inspections -	15
No. of new Registrations -	Nil
No. of Preliminary Notices served -	3
No. of Preliminary Notices complied with -	3

Public Health Acts.

No. of Complaints received -	90
No. of inspections Made -	90
No. of nuisances abated -	67

Public Health & Housing Acts.

No. of Primary inspections made in connection with housing and nuisances -	144
No. of re-inspections made in connection with above -	55
No. of Informal Notices served requiring abatement of nuisances and housing repairs -	98
No. of Informal Notices not complied with at the end of the year -	3
No. of Statutory Notices served -	Nil

Rats & Mice Destruction Act.

<u>Premises</u> <u>Inspected.</u>	<u>Premises</u> <u>Treated.</u>	<u>Bodies</u> <u>Found.</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Kill.</u>
72	35	138	690

Meat & Food Inspections.

No. of Butchers' shops inspected -	4
No. of re-inspections -	18
No. of premises inspected retailing food stuffs	12
No. of cafes inspected -	3
No. of Bakehouses inspected -	7
No. of Ice-cream premises inspected -	8
No. of Ice-cream registrations -	6

Miscellaneous goods condemned during 1948:-

<u>Description of Article.</u>	<u>Reason for Condemnation.</u>
30 tins of canned milk	Blown.
2 cwts. Potatoes.	Decomposed.
14 oz. Tinned veal loaf.	Pierced and blown.
11 lbs. Beef trimmings.	Unclean condition.

New Drainage Installations.

No. of installations -	45
No. of inspections -	56
No. passed as satisfactory -	45

In concluding this Report, I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the support received during the year from the Public Health and Housing Committees, my best thanks to the staff, one and all, for their loyalty, zeal and devotion, and for the able and energetic manner in which they have, at all times, discharged their many and onerous duties, often under very trying conditions and after recognised hours of duty.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

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